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LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, May 9, 2005/Vaisakha 19, 1927 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at two minutes past Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

Title: Refernece made to the passing away of Shri Shyam Lal Yadav (Member 8th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (1970-1984) on 06.05.2005.Speaker also made reference to the 60th Anniversary of the end of second World War.

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REFERENCE RE : SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF

SECOND WORLD WAR

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of our former colleague, Shri Shyam Lal Yadav.

Shri Shyam Lal Yadav was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 representing the Varanasi Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Yadav was the Union Minister of State, Agriculture and Cooperation from February, 1988 to December, 1989.

He was also the Member of Rajya Sabha from 1970 to 1984. He was the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha from 30th July, 1980 to 2nd April, 1982 and again from 28th April, 1982 to 29th December, 1984. Earlier, he was a member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962 and again from 1967 to 1968. During April, 1967 to February, 1968, he held the portfolios of Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Information, Food and Civil Supplies and Industries in the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

A veteran parliamentarian, Shri Yadav served on various Parliamentary Committees. He was Chairman, Committee of Privileges, Rajya Sabha.

An advocate by profession, Shri Yadav was Director, District Cooperative Development Federation, Varanasi from 1954 to 1957; Member, UP Harijan Welfare Board 1956 to 1959; and President, Uttar Pradesh Government Hindi Samiti from 1967 to 1968.

A widely travelled person, Shri Yadav was a member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 19th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at London, U.K., in 1973; 30th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Isle of Man in 1984; and 68th and 69th Inter-Parliamentary Conferences held at Havana, Cuba in 1981 and Rome, Italy in 1982 respectively. He also served as Vice-President, Indian Parliamentary Group.

Shri Shyam Lal Yadav passed away on 6th May, 2005 at Varanasi at the age of 78 after a protracted illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family[pkp1] .

Hon. Members, today the world is commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Let us pay our homage to the more than 50 million people who laid down their lives during the long years of a vicious war engineered by fascist forces. A large number of Indian soldiers fought in that War and made the supreme sacrifice of their lives to defeat the forces of fascism.

This victory over fascism, let us not forget, inspired the struggles of millions of people all over the world for justice, freedom and equality, including in India, which ultimately resulted in the liberation of many Third World countries from the clutches of colonial rulers. Let us also remember all those millions who laid down their lives in their fight against fascism and to make this world a better place to live. Only by remaining ever-vigilant against such forces, which may try to raise their ugly head every now and then, can we pay our respectful tributes to the martyrs of this historic war.

India has, since Independence reaffirmed its faith in democracy, time and again, through the numerous elections we have held successfully. As the largest democracy on earth with a pluralistic, multicultural society and a fast growing economy, India is an example of how democracy can lead to peaceful and harmonious existence and to empowerment of the large masses.

We, the nation as a whole, are with our hon. Prime Minister, who along with over 50 world leaders is paying tributes in Moscow today to those brave soldiers who fought on behalf of the Allied Forces against Nazi Germany, at the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of victory over fascism.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the former Member and in memory of martyrs of the Second World War.

11.06 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.